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COST OF DEXTROPROXYPHONE AND ITS SALTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the reasons given in the examination report of different cost comparison of manufacturers of Dextroproxyphone and its salts;

(b) whether the Government has analyzed said reasons;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): The bulk drug Dextropropoxyphene (and its salts) is a Scheduled bulk drug under Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 1995. The comprehensive cost price study of this drug was based on three manufacturers of this drug. According to the study, the producers are not producing the drug from the same stage of production and consequently the costs of these manufacturers were different.As per the guidelines of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) for pricing of bulk drugs, where more than one manufacturer produces a product, the fair price determined for individual manufacturers is arranged in the ascending order of prices.The fair price of the manufacturer at 2/3rd cut off level (considering 66.66% of the production) of the total estimated production so worked out is compared with the weighted average fair price of the units undertaken for the detailed cost study and the lower of the two, is recommended as the fair price for the industry for that particular product.This practice is being followed consistently for fixation of prices of bulk drugs where more than two manufacturers produce the same drug.The price fixation of bulk drug Dextropropoxyphene and its salts is in conformity with the practice followed in all such cases by NPPA without deviation.